





patch, dated 2nd August 1890 (two days after the report was cancelled was given to the world), the conventional language adopted by the writer of the document the Governor shows his inability to treat an official matter with calmness and impartiality where his personal feelings have warped his judgment, and the statesman degenerates into the special pleader. It would have been much better to have had this despatch been permitted to lie quietly in the official archives, unless His Excellency was prepared to publish the reply which it evoked from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next American Mail may be looking for here by the P. M. S. City of Peking on or about the 8th of February.

H.M.S. Curacao, Captain Cumming, R.N., arrived at Amoy from Hongkong on the 1st inst.

The usual notification for the regulation of vehicles, horses, and chair coolies, on the race days are published in the Gazette.

T. G. Selby.—Your letter, "Mr Consul Howlett and the Passport Question," will appear to-morrow.

The fifty destitute brought over by the S. S. Cleveland from Saigon were sent to Canton in a passage boat on Saturday evening, by the Police Authorities.

The usual quarterly statement of receipts and disbursements for the quarter ended 31st December, 1890, is published for general information; but as the results were embodied in the comparative return for the year which we summarised last week there is nothing of public interest in it to note.

Information has been received here to the effect that the steamship Scotland, which left England with several Officers and reinforcements for the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineer, and Garrison here, sprung a leak while in the Mediterranean Sea, and has put into some port, probably Malta, for repairs, before resuming her voyage.

The Criminal Sessions which were fixed for to-day were adjourned without any case for to-day jurors being called. Seeing the amount of work that has to be attended to on mail days, all concerned in Supreme Court work, jurors especially, must be thankful for the consideration shown by the Court in relieving them from attendance on that day.

The minutes of the "Independent" Board appointed to examine the Government Central School appear in Saturday's Gazette, published this afternoon. They have already appeared in these columns. No report of the proceedings on the Central School Prize Day has yet found its way, however, into the official publication.

We learn that a despatch has been received from the Colonial Office, which instructs H. E. the Governor at once to pay over to the City Hall Committee the money grant which has been for some time withheld. The question of the continuance of this grant-in-aid is also said to be dealt with by the Secretary of State; but upon this part of the subject we cannot yet speak with certainty until the documents are made public.

We would direct the attention of those of our readers who are interested in such matters to an article which we reproduced on our 4th page on Saturday, "Contractors and Engineers." Those who have such matters most continually before their eyes here know best how truly much of what appears in that article applies here. Indeed most of it as much more applies to the state of things here compared with other places as the honesty of Chinese Contractors compares with those of other nations.

In addition to the extract and notification of an origin high antiquity, to be found in the Gazette to-day, we have the report by Mr Ford on the Government Gardens, dated December 21st, 1876. The Acting Colonial Secretary, "by command," actually places this important Government paper before the public through the medium of the Gazette within one thousand five hundred and six days after it had been written. We fancy it may, so far as we are concerned, stand over yet a little longer, as we are pressed for room just now.

In the case, before the Police Magistrate, to-day, of Wong Ayt, who was charged with deceiving a woman named Hung Ayt, wife of Wong Ngok Chi (formerly a bill collector in the employ of Afong, the photographer) from the Colony for purposes of prostitution, evidence could not be obtained sufficient to commit the defendant, but we hear that Wong Ngok Chi, the husband of the woman deceived, is still unimpaired, and that a subscription is being raised among his friends to pay the expenses of his further prosecution, and that the complainant is appealing to H. E. the Governor.

Dr. O'Brien has gone home for a trip by the steamer to-day, and will be absent for some time. His residence in the Colony of something like seven years. In writing the worthy Doctor a pleasant surprise and the enjoyment of all the good things which a run home usually ensures, a letter from his friends will most heartily be received. "Our Doctor" is a Chinese.

one good-naturedly styled him, has been an important factor in the social life of the Colony for the last decade and a half, and it would be a difficult matter to estimate the amount of good-doing for which he is responsible. Few men in this Colony have so systematically given play to their largeness of heart or have formed the centre of so quiet, unobtrusive, and healthful an influence, as has the worthy Doctor. Many an honest, heartfelt wish will follow him, especially from the poor, that he may long live to continue his usefulness in the world. Indeed his open hand will be sadly missed by many.

From a comparative statement of the revenue under the Stamp Amendment Ordinance 1890, the Sheriff's Ordinance 1873, the Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance 1874, and for telegraph forms and fees of the Supreme Court, we note a net increase for January of the present year compared with the corresponding month of last year of \$1634. Under 18 heads there were increases, amounting in all to \$2129.34; and under 10 heads there were decreases amounting to \$494.38, giving the net increase named. The largest increase was under the heading of gifts of assignment, which shows \$1,701.50 for last month as against \$392.25 in January last year. There is an increase of \$325.50 under the heading of transfer of shares in any public company, the figures being \$415.50 as compared with \$290 in January 1890. The only other increase of any moment is one of \$104.79 in adhesive stamps, from which \$686.71 revenue is obtained in the first month of this year. The three headings under which there are the largest decreases are—bills of lading \$176.30 (\$1106.50 as against \$1,232.80); bills of exchange and promissory notes \$137.50 (\$2,101.65 as against \$2,239.35) and bank notes \$98.28 (\$1,328.68 as against \$1,328.96). The total revenue for the month is \$12,231.54, as against \$10,596.68 for the corresponding month last year. Another return shows the number and amount of each kind of adhesive stamp sold during the month of January 1891. The total number of stamps sold was 23,192, and the revenue was \$9400.50. Three cent adhesive stamps were sold to the number of 23,867 (\$665.71); and 1,833 stamps of one dollar value; the other denominations in smaller numbers.

With reference to applications for increase of salary or for promotion, several documents are published for general information in the Gazette. The Government Notification containing them is No. 43, is headed "Hongkong Civil Service; knowledge of the Chinese Language;" and is dated Feb. 1st, 1891. The first is an extract from Despatch No. 8 of 28th April, 1890, from the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to Governor Sir John Bowring as follows:—

I consider the knowledge of the Chinese language as essential generally for the Civil Service in Hongkong, and have to lay it down for your guidance as a rule, subject only to such very special exceptions as you may deem necessary, that no application for increase of salary in that Service is to be made for any person who has not learnt Chinese.

The other authority dragged into broad daylight now, to justify the ways of the Governor to the members of the service, is Government notification No. 4, dated Colonial Secretary's Office Hongkong, 2nd July, 1885, and signed "W. T. Mercer, Colonial Secretary." It is in these words:—

His Excellency the Governor has received a Despatch from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, calling his attention to the great importance which Her Majesty's Government attaches to the requirement of the Chinese language by all Functionaries in the Public Service in this Colony; and His Excellency is instructed to state that in claims for promotion a knowledge of Chinese will be considered as a recommendation to the favourable consideration of the Authorities.

The following vessels were chartered in Amoy during the fortnight ending Feb. 2nd:—  
Presto, 9,000 tons, Takao to Yokohama, 20 days, 38 cents per ton.  
Blanchette, 6,000 tons, Taiwan, Tientsin, Newchuan and back, 35 days, 24 cents.  
Koda, 9,000 tons, Taiwan, Chefoo and back, 24 days, 23 cents.  
Mendocino, 9,400 tons, for two trips, first trip Takao to Higo, 20 days, 22 cents, or Takao to Yokohama 40 cents, second trip Taiwan or Takao, Chefoo, Amoy, 26 days, 22 cents.  
Louise, 7,500 tons, Takao, Chefoo, Amoy, 26 days, 40 cents per ton.

We are informed that the E. & A. S. Co. will shortly place on the line between Hongkong and Australia two new steamers. The first is expected to start running in June, and is called the *Catfish*; the other will not be ready till it is thought, till a few weeks later, and we have not heard her name. Both boats will be of large capacity than either the *Breidene*, *Memur*, or *Boven*. The Company have already disposed of the *Normandy* and the *Comet*, which were originally intended for high speed and comparatively small capacity, being more especially suitable for mail service, and they have now only the larger boats, to which these new ones are to be added. It is thought that they will be of about 1,500 tons register. —M. C. Daily News.

The following notice on a subject which should have been, we thought, already well understood among employers of labour, appears in the Gazette of Saturday last; it emanates, of course, from the Acting Registrar General:—  
"Servants' certificates of registration have been returned to this Office with remarks made thereon referring to the characters of those registered. These endorsements are illegal. Employers of servants should, when necessary, fill in the columns for noting the date of expiration of service, but make no further addition."

Yessets leading at Takao for Yokohama, *Prato*, *Manila*, *Batavia*, *Benedicta*, and *Amoy*; for Chefoo, *Louise*. Expected at Takao for Yokohama, *Marie*, *Leading*, *Taiwan*, *for Chefoo, Sanyama, Carl*, *Ludwig*, and *Koba*; for Shanghai, *Batavia*, and *Hedvig*. Expected at Taiwan for Tientsin, *Blanchette*. —Amoy Gazette.

We hear from Vladivostok that there is a monstrous accumulation of stores and war material there, and that additional supplies of corn, biscuit, preserved vegetables, meat, etc., are expected in the spring from San Francisco. It is evident that Russia had everything ready for a spring campaign on a large scale. At Vladivostok there were in the beginning of December about 14,000 European troops, but 6,000 men were to arrive in a few weeks later. The preparations for coming artillery, for transport, pack horses, etc., were on a very large scale. The cold was intense, and all officials hoped that the change of site from Vladivostok to Port Lazareff would occur soon. —Japan Gazette.

### RACING TIPS.

"JOB BURGESS" sends us the following tips:—

FIRST DAY.  
WONG-KI-CHONG, —Strathgair; Second Volin; Blue Light.  
ASBURY, —Tajmahal; Strathgair; Cumshaw.  
DERBY, —Merry Andrew; Robbie Burns; Snow Show.  
CHAMPION, —Strathgair; Second Volin; Red Star.  
VALLEY, —Tramp; Vagabond; Tam o' Shanter.  
FUGOCHOW, —Braveheart; Strathgair; Cumshaw.  
CANTON, —Robbie Burns; Strathgair; Bohemian.

SECOND DAY.  
SOUBREY, —Merry Andrew; Robbie Burns; FUSE.  
GERMAN, —Tajmahal; Strathgair; Braveheart.  
BARKERS, —Cumshaw; Strathgair; Second Volin.  
FARBER, —Blue Light; Bohemian; Focus Pocus.  
PROFESSIONAL, —Strathgair; Gold Bar; Second Volin.  
TOWN, —Cumshaw; Tajmahal; Strathgair.  
EXCHANGE, —Tam o' Shanter; FUSE; Tramp.

THIRD DAY.  
STAND, —Snow Show; Robbie Burns; Bohemian.  
CHALLENGER, —Tajmahal; Cumshaw; Second Volin.  
LADIES' PURSE, —Wild Harry; or Thank-you Light.  
BLUE PLATE, —Gold Bar; Bohemian; Blue Light.  
KEECHING, —Braveheart; Strathgair; Wild Eddy.  
NIL DESPERANDUM, —Tam o' Shanter; Water Baby; FUSE.  
CONSIDERATION, —Who Knows?  
CHAMPION, —Tajmahal; Cumshaw; Strathgair.

### TREE PLANTING, ETC.

Several despatches connected with tree planting etc., are given in the Gazette, for which we may find room later on when there is less pressure upon our space. A brief indication of the purport of these papers may however be of some interest and use at the present time. On August 2nd, 1890 Governor Hennessy wrote a despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies ostensibly on tree planting, which he began by mentioning Sir Michael Hicks Beach's Circular Despatch of February 24th of that year, which pressed upon the consideration of Colonial Governors the subject of the preservation and re-establishment of forests as one of great and increasing importance in the health and prosperity of the Colonies might be very deeply concerned. In a despatch of 17 paragraphs, Governor Hennessy explains what had been done up to that date in the direction indicated, and encloses and refers to a number of reports and correspondence, extracts from the local papers showing how well the proposal was received, photographs of the nurseries and so on. In connection with this short Government notification which we reproduce elsewhere, the following, which are the last three paragraphs in the despatch, may be given:—

15. I take this opportunity of laying before your Lordship some papers that I printed for the Legislative Council last year respecting the rival claims of Mr Price and Mr Ford to be Superintendent of the

### THE GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS.

A letter is published in the Gazette from Dr. Eitel, Inspector of Schools, to the Acting Colonial Secretary, regarding a tabulated summary of the grants earned by the various grant-in-aid schools, amounting to \$7,319.77, and owing to the approach of the Chinese New Year he begs to recommend that the money be paid at once. The Inspector's elaborate tables which are too extensive for our columns:—

SCHOOL.	No. of Scholars enrolled.	No. of Scholars Examined.	Total Passed.	Average Daily Attendance during School Year.	Total Grant-in-aid.
Baxter Vernacular Bai-ying-pun School (Girls).	1	24	24	27.94	\$231.94
Baxter Vernacular D'Aguiar Street School (Girls).	1	17	17	26.40	154.30
Baxter Vernacular Hollywood Road School (Girls).	1	17	17	26.40	241.00
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 1 (Boys).	1	21	19	23.24	148.24
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 2 (Boys).	1	28	27	37.74	180.74
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 3 (Boys).	1	37	30	49.71	203.71
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 4 (Boys).	1	30	28	33.65	241.00
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 5 (Boys).	1	37	38	47.80	283.30
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 6 (Boys).	1	43	38	52.10	267.78
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 7 (Boys).	1	44	41	60.48	371.48
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 8 (Boys).	1	20	20	24.26	180.26
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 9 (Boys).	1	27	24	30.12	222.12
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 10 (Boys).	1	26	28	30.00	242.00
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 11 (Boys).	1	24	21	27.36	208.66
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 12 (Boys).	1	42	39	47.10	251.70
C. M. S. St. Stephen's School No. 13 (Boys).	1	45	48	56.37	338.37
St. Paul's College Mission School, Lyndhurst Terrace (Boys).	1	41	41	40.00	276.00
Basel Mission Boarding School (Girls).	1	46	44	46.31	466.24
Basel Mission Day School (Boys).	1	20	20	25.81	112.81
Berlin Founding School (Girls).	1	23	23	24.81	258.81
Dioscorus Home School (Mixed).	1	51	31	24.78	308.73
St. Joseph's College Chinese School (Boys).	1	139	107	109.72	1,113.72
St. Joseph's College Portuguese School (Boys).	1	13	11	18.81	104.81
St. Paul's College, Hongkong Public School (Boys).	1	17	16	22.79	192.78
Victoria School (Girls).	1	14	14	16.85	121.85

Gardens and Tree-Planting Department. Your Lordship had duly appointed Mr Ford to this office in 1871, and Governor Sir Richard MacDonnell issued necessary minutes, under which the Government Gardens and the planting of Trees were declared to be under the sole control of Mr Ford, who was to render all accounts for his Department.

Subsequently, Mr Price arrived in the Colony and induced Governor Sir Arthur Kennedy to make the Gardens a Department of the Surveyor General's Office. Mr Ford was, however, left the sole control of the arboricultural Department. During Mr Ford's absence in 1877, I transmitted to Sir Michael Hicks Beach a further proposal of Mr Price to get rid altogether of Mr Ford. Sir Michael Hicks Beach did not, however, approve of this suggestion, of Mr Price, and he transmitted to me for my guidance a memorandum of Sir Joseph Hooker, recommending that I should recur to the original plan and encourage Mr Ford to enlarge the scope of his activity. Accordingly, I replaced Mr Ford in the position to which he had been originally appointed by Your Lordship, and in which he had been installed by Sir Richard MacDonnell. This was unanimously approved by the Legislative Council. It was felt to be a simple act of justice to Mr Ford, and it has contributed more than anything else to the successful reclamation of the Island that is now a part of the Government Gardens.

The enclosed Report by Mr Ford on the Gardens and Plantations, dated 15th April, 1890, shows how well this interesting Department is now conducted. The despatch from which the above extract is given is in all probability that in answering which Lord Kimberley gave the instructions whose outcome is the short and sweet Government notification which appears to-day withdrawing Mr Ford's famous letter. On November 2nd, 1890, the Governor wrote a covering despatch to a report by Mr Ford from which it appeared that Mr Ford calculates on planting 666 acres with 800,000 trees in 1891, and containing a scheme of the proposed localities and number of trees to be planted and seeds sown in situ, for them. The Secretary of State for the Colonies writes, Dec. 24th, expressing his satisfaction that energetic steps that are being taken in the direction of preserving and re-establishing the woods and plantations of Hongkong.

### GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

Subject to the approval of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following provisional appointments, from the 1st instant:—

Mr Anthonio Soth, late First Clerk, Magistrate, to be First Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office; and, during Mr Wolchowski's absence, to be Acting Chief Clerk and Clerk of Councils, vice J. M. D'Almeida a Castro, deceased.  
Mr James Parker, late Second Clerk, Magistrate, to be First Clerk, Magistrate, vice Mr Soth, promoted.  
Mr Li Hong-ming, late Third Clerk, Magistrate, to be Second Clerk, Magistrate, vice Mr Parker, promoted.

Mr Ng Kwai-shang, late Fourth Clerk, Magistrate, and Temporary Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, to be Third Clerk, Magistrate, vice Mr Li Hong-ming, promoted.  
Mr Louis d'Almeida a Castro, late Temporary Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, vice Mr Ng Kwai-shang, promoted.  
The appointment provisionally made by His Excellency the Governor of Mr J. White to be Clerk to the Colonial Chaplain, and Sexton, has been confirmed by the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr John Sherron Brewer to be Surveyor under the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879.

Subject to the approval of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following provisional appointments in the Harbour Department, consequent upon the retirement on pension of Mr Lording, late 1st Clerk in the Harbour Master's Office:—

Mr F. J. Machado promoted to be First Clerk.  
Mr J. L. de S. Alves promoted to be Second Clerk.  
Mr A. B. Gutierrez promoted to be Third Clerk.  
Mr A. C. Botelho promoted to be Fourth Clerk.  
Mr H. W. Sampson appointed Fifth Clerk.

### SCHOOL.

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(Girls).	I	69	50	45	67.36	1077.36
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(Girls).	III	46	44	36	46.21	466.24
(Girls).	III	20	20	14	23.81	112.81
(Girls).	III	30	30	30	29.73	297.73
(Girls).	IV	28	28	26	34.81	288.81
(Girls).	IV	31	31	28	34.81	308.81
(Girls).	IV	19	19	15	16.72	141.72
(Girls).	IV	13	11	11	16.81	104.81
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### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tomchey, Acting Police Magistrate.)

Monday, February 7.

AN INCONVERTIBLE CONSTANT.  
Fong Ache, 40, former, was charged by Chan Kai Tsoi, P. O. 268, with offering him a sum of 50 cash as a bribe to induce him to keep away from a house, No. 61 Market Street, at which defendant said there was gambling going on, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

ROBBERS, VAGABONDS, AND OBSTRUCTIONISTS.  
Wai Afun, 19, and Leung Alai, 48, hawkers, were charged with gambling with chop-First Street, and thereby causing an obstruction of the road-way, on the 6th inst. The first defendant has been in jail before for a similar offence, and was now sentenced to be imprisoned for one month with hard labour, and the second defendant to be exposed in the stocks for six hours in Fish Street, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday.  
Lo Aping, 25, boatman, against whom a previous conviction was proved, was convicted of gambling at Fan Tan in Gough Street on the 6th inst. Defendant was sent to goal for three months with hard labour, as a rogue and vagabond.

DRUNKS.  
John Coffey, 25, Sergeant of Marines, and Robert Knight, 50, machinist, both of the U. S. S. Richmond, were charged with being drunk and incapable and with carrying a dangerous weapon, on the 7th inst. Both defendants now offered to pay the coolies, and were discharged.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.  
Charles Smith, 22, marine of the U. S. S. Richmond, was charged with assaulting Chan Apak, a money changer, and also with being concerned in stealing about \$50 from complainant's stall on the 6th inst. Chan Apak deposed that at about 6.30 last night the defendant, in company with a soldier, stopped at his stall and asked him to give change for a dollar. Complainant opened his drawer to get change and in the act of doing so the soldier put his hand into the drawer and pulled out a bundle of notes and some silver. Witness seized the soldier by the hand, but the prisoner pushed witness away so that he fell down, overturning the stall at the same time, and the soldier got away. Some people assisted in detaining the defendant, who now said that he had been drinking all day and wanted to get change for the dollar; the complainant ran up against him and so he hit him. He did not know who the soldier was.  
Defendant was fined \$15, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment, for disorderly conduct, and to pay \$20 amends to complainant, in default to be further imprisoned for seven days with hard labour.

ROBBING THE DEAD.  
Lai Achung, 38, coolie, was remanded till the 11th inst., on a charge of stealing a pair of silver bangles, a pair of earrings, and a gold finger ring, the property of Ng Kam Sing, from the body of the latter's deceased daughter, on the 6th inst.

NO PASS, AND CARRYING A DEADLY WEAPON.  
Un Apun, 50, appeared on a charge of being in possession of a deadly weapon, not being the holder of a night pass on the 6th inst. P. O. A. C. Fong, met the defendant just below the Pokokium Road, at 10 p.m. on the 6th inst. He was very excited and said he was going to find his son, with whom he had had a fight; defendant had a chop-iron concealed in the band of his trousers. The case was remanded till the 6th inst.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy, Acting Police Magistrate.)

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.  
Chan Ahing, 26, coolie, appeared on remand, on a charge of stealing an earring and a ring, value \$4.50, from the person of Tan Ayt, a widow, on the 28th ult. Complainant states that the earrings were matched from her ear by the prisoner while he was walking in Queen's Road West; one of the rings was taken, but the other fell down and was broken. Defendant was committed for three months with hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.  
Pun Ang, 38, coolie, was charged with being in unlawful possession of four pieces of female clothing, on the 26th inst. Defendant said that he picked up the clothes on the night of the 6th inst. in East Street. Four pawn tickets were also found on the person of defendant, all relating to articles of female apparel. The owner of the clothes had not been discovered, and defendant was fined \$10, in default to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

A PROFESSIONAL "CHIEF CRACKER."  
Chan Ahak, 44, described as a hawker, but who appears to have spent a considerable portion of his leisure for the last nine years in Victoria Goal and in banishment, appeared on remand from the 3rd inst. charged with breaking into house No. 10, Kwai Yee Lane and attempting to steal a bundle of clothing, etc. A chisel was found near the prisoner when he was found in complainant's house, with which he had broken the lock of the door and gained admission. Some further evidence was given by Tan Ahing, complainant's brother, who accompanied him into the house and assisted in catching the defendant when he was discovered.

Chong Ahk, another inmate of the house broken into, stated that when he came home he found that his clothes and other property belonging to him, and worth about \$10, had been removed by the prisoner. Defendant having been cautioned, admitted the charge, as also four previous convictions.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.  
Chan Ahing, 20, hawker, appeared on remand, on a charge of receiving stolen goods, value \$4.50, from the person of Tan Ayt, a widow, on the 28th ult. Complainant states that the earrings were matched from her ear by the prisoner while he was walking in Queen's Road West; one of the rings was taken, but the other fell down and was broken. Defendant was committed for three months with hard labour.

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## Mails.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUET, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSILLES;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON MONDAY, the 14th of February,  
1881, at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
TRAUADY, Commandant DUBRE,  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above ports.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted  
in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the  
13th February, 1881. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 3, 1881. feld

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

## COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF  
PEKING will be dispatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the  
18th February, 1881, at 3 p.m., taking  
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamships.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 2  
p.m., the 17th February. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1881. feld

## Intimations.

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office.—Price, 81 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## Mr. Andrew Wind,

NEWS AGENT, &c.  
133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK;  
is authorized to receive Subscriptions,  
Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail,  
Overland China Mail, and China Review.

## Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.  
ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000 "  
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "  
Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

THE INTERNATIONAL MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,  
OF LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents of the above Company, are  
prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, Nov. 27, 1880. 27no81

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CLAIM FOR POLICY FEE.  
JAS. B. COUGHTRE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MILCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## Insurances.

## YANGTSE INSURANCE

## ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 8th April, 1880.....Tls. 913,268

Directors:  
F. R. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
W. M. BOYD, Esq., W. M. MEYER, Esq.,  
J. H. FINCKHOFF, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.,  
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:  
Messrs BARKING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 1/2 % Interest on  
Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of  
the Underwriting Business are an-  
nually distributed among all Contributors  
of Business in proportion to the Premium  
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. 10c81

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

## COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE

## INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the usual  
Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per  
cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE

## COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

## COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## LE CEROLE—TRANSPORTS.

## SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCES

## MARITIMES, MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....15,000,000 Francs.  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....3,750,000 "

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents of the above Company, are  
prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1880. 27no81

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE

## COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the  
last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.00  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$ 300,000.00  
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 425,000.00  
BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....\$ 70,278.43  
DIVIDEND PAID TO SHARE-  
HOLDERS.....20 % per Annum.  
DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS  
OF BUSINESS, 25 % on the amount  
of their Contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE  
Risks to all parts of the World, pay-  
able at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE  
TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSI-  
NESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHARE-  
HOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 15, 1880.

## Notices to Consignees.

## CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

## FROM LONDON, SINGAPORE AND

## PENANG.

THE S. S. *London Castle*, MARSHALL,  
Commander, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that the Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns of the Un-  
dermentioned, whence delivery may be  
obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods  
on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-  
less notice to the contrary be given before  
Noon TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining after the 11th Instant will be  
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1881. feld

## NETHERLANDS INDIA-STEAM

## NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## FROM BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOU-

## RABAYA, MACASSAR, GORONTALO

## AND MANILA.

THE Steamship *Ajda*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading to the Undermentioned for  
counter-signature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at  
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1881.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

## SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Moray*, having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby requested to send in their Bills  
of Lading to the Undermentioned for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate delivery  
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at  
once landed and stored, at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1881. feld

## STEAMSHIP "JAPAN," Captain

## T. S. GARDNER,

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

## SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo by her are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading  
to the Undermentioned for counter-signature,  
and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remain-  
ing on board after the 6th Inst., will be  
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense, and no Fire Insurance will be  
effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that any  
Claims must be made immediately, as  
none will be entertained after the 8th  
Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 2, 1881. feld

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## S. S. "NIGATA MARU," FROM

## KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Vessel are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading for counter-signature,  
and take immediate delivery of their  
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-  
ing on board after Tuesday, the 1st  
February, will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co.,  
50a, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, February 1, 1881. feld

## STEAMSHIP "SINDH,"

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship  
*Gange*, from London, in con-  
nection with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed  
and stored at their risk at the Company's  
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before 2 p.m. TO-DAY, requesting  
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Tues-  
day, the 8th Instant, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1881. feld

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

St. Denis, French barque, Captain Leon  
Rottier.—Order.

Liverstone, German barque, Capt. T.  
Stedens.—Wieser & Co.

Rosa M., British barque, Capt. Robert  
Orell.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.

Ozorio, German schooner, Captain  
Schiller.—Stiessen & Co.

F. H. Druve, German barque, Captain  
W. Vornais.—Melchior & Co.

Cornwall, British steamer, Captain Hum-  
phries.—Barnes Coy. Limited.

Proctor, British barque, Captain An-  
thony.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.

## Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a  
Visitors' Column, which we trust  
will prove successful, and be found use-  
ful. To it will be relegated from time  
to time such items of information, lists,  
tables and other intelligence as is con-  
sidered likely to prove valuable to per-  
sons passing through the City, and in  
connection with... we have opened a  
SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS  
DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment  
into which we are now ready to receive.

## List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public  
Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and  
Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque  
retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Cen-  
tral, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club,  
German Club, Supreme Court, &c.,  
within a stone's throw.

Louisiana Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c.,  
near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above  
the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington  
Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden  
Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for  
sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and  
the Great Northern Telegraph Co.,  
Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zealand Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house  
and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond  
the Cricket Ground, beside the City  
Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military  
Store Departments lie to the east-  
ward, and cover a large area.

## Stores, Books, &amp;c.

General Outfitter, Hosiery, Tailor,  
&c.—T. N. DUNCAN, 46 and 47,  
Queen's Road, by special appointment  
to H.E. the Governor.

Chronometers, Watches, Jewellery,  
Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & Co.,  
Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books,  
and specially selected Cigars.—MAC-  
EWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition,  
and Sportsman's Requisites of all descrip-  
tions.—Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gun-  
makers, Eastern House of Beaconfield  
Arcade.

## Chair and Boat Hire.

## LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS,

## CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS,

## IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Fallaway Boats.  
Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts.  
Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts.  
Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

## To VICTORIA FERR.

## Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ... .. \$1.00  
Three Coolies, ... .. 0.85  
Two Coolies, ... .. 0.70

Return (direct or by Pak-foo-lum).  
Four Coolies, ... .. \$1.50  
Three Coolies, ... .. 1.20  
Two Coolies, ... .. 1.00

## To VICTORIA GAI (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA

## SKAT).

## Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ... .. \$0.60  
Three Coolies, ... .. 0.50  
Two Coolies, ... .. 0.40

Return (direct or by Pak-foo-lum).  
Four Coolies, ... .. \$1.00  
Three Coolies, ... .. 0.85  
Two Coolies, ... .. 0.70

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not  
more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above  
three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to  
an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak).....\$0.75 each Coolie.  
(12 hours) Gap.....\$0.60 each Coolie.

## Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, ... .. 10 cents.  
Half day, ... .. 25 cents.  
Day, ... .. 50 cents.

## BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

## Boats.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900  
planks, per Day, ... .. \$4.50  
1st Class Cargo Boat of 5 or 600  
planks, per Day, ... .. 2.00  
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600  
planks, per Day, ... .. 1.75  
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hak-lan Boat of 800  
planks, per Day, ... .. 1.50  
2nd Class Cargo Boat or Hak-lan Boat of 800  
planks, per Day, ... .. 1.25  
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hak-lan Boat of 800  
planks, Half Day, ... .. 50

## Sampans.

or Fallaway Boats, per Day, ... .. \$1.00  
One Hour, ... .. 50  
Half an Hour, ... .. 25

After 4 p.m. ... .. 10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agree-  
ments.

## FIRST COOLIES.